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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

NOVEL β -LACTAMS, METHODS FOR THE
PREPARATION OF TAXANES, AND
SIDECHAIN-BEARING TAXANES

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Novel β -lactams finding utility as intermediates in the preparation of sidechain-bearing taxanes such as taxol and taxol derivatives. The present invention also relates to novel methods of coupling β -lactams to form such sidechain-bearing taxanes, and to novel sidechain-bearing taxanes.

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1. **Introduction**